

REPLIES TO THOSE OPPOSING DISTRICT SUFFRAGE

Columbia League Holds Meeting And Adds Members to Roll.

Stating that the citizens' associations of Washington are supposed "to consist and exist for the benefit of the political affairs" of the District of Columbia, Dr. Thomas E. Will, who is in the forefront of the fight to obtain home-rule and representation for the District, made a hot rejoinder to those today who are understood to be in the line of the opposition to the plan for home rule.

"I see by the press that an effort is being made to induce the citizens' associations to oppose the home rule, equal suffrage movement," said Dr. Will today in a statement prepared by him.

"These citizens' associations are supposed to consist and exist for the benefit of the political affairs of the District," said Dr. Will, "and it is a privilege of a ruling class to have a right to capture and control the institutions that exist for the special benefit of the people upon whom these parasites feed."

"The predecessors captured even the territory of the citizens' associations," he said, "and in the process they have, at one time or another, held practically every office in the gift of the people."

"It is freely asserted—though not by me—that many of the citizens' associations of Washington are virtually owned and run by the interests that, through manipulation of Congress, have made of the District their happy hunting-ground."

"Is this true? The answer must be sought in the answer to a second question. Will these citizens' associations favor or oppose the restoration to the disfranchised, outraged, and plundered people of this District the political and economic rights which have been ravished from them?"

Sees Fight Coming.
"Evidently a fight on this question is coming. Let it come. We welcome it. A battle over principle beats a burying-ground any day."

One of the proposals from the doubtful territory is that a District delegate to the House be appointed by the President. I favor a delegate if elected by the people, though his power is petty, and his creation must not stand in the way of the broader and deeper movement for the restoration and extension to our people of their full political rights. But the proposal that he be appointed I shall fight tooth and nail, on the line, and to the last.

"This proposal comes from the people's enemies. Such an official is unquestionably sought simply to serve as a tool of the local oligarchy which, since popular disfranchisement, has made of the District its private game preserve. His creation would, without doubt, be to work for them and not for the people. His appointment would favor but not oppose the restoration to a people who, as Senator Morton Indiana declared, are already 'governed as a despotism as are the serfs of Russia.'"

Meeting of League.
A meeting of the District of Columbia Suffrage League was held at Dr. Will's office, 809 G street northwest, last night. Numerous additions were made to the enrollment and several individuals volunteered to do specific work in the way of speaking, providing automobiles, working up a lunch, making investigations in the search for facts to make the argument for suffrage more plain and other tasks. Among those present were Mrs. E. H. Lockwood, Capt. W. E. French, U. S. A., and J. William Nigh.

Prizes will be offered for the best high school essays and debates on the subject of home rule. Plans were also made to get out the vote on November 8. L. G. Wardfield, Mrs. Meredith were among those who agreed to aid in making this election mean something. The November election is intended to show whether the people of the District want self-government and its results will, according to members of the league, have a bearing, either good or bad, on the future of the campaign.

OBITUARY NOTES.

SAMUEL COLE HAZELTON.

Funeral services for Samuel Cole Hazelton, the mining engineer, who formerly resided in this city, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Diana C. Hazelton, at Thirty-eighth street and Woodley lane. The interment will be private.

The news of the death of Mr. Hazelton did not reach here until this morning, though he was killed in an automobile accident near Salt Lake City last Friday.

JACOB E. BIRCH.

Funeral services for Jacob E. Birch, sheriff of Alexandria county, Virginia, who died at his home near Effie Church, last night at 9 o'clock, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his wife, Mrs. Birch, at 1000 North Capitol street.

The Rev. William Hoffman, pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery, near Falls Church.

Sheriff Birch was fifty-three years old and had been in bad health about two years. The last few weeks he has been in a critical condition and it was understood he could not recover. Death was due to heart trouble.

Mrs. Birch, who has also been in ill health for some time, is prostrated over the death of her husband and her condition is regarded as serious.

Sheriff Birch's death comes only a little more than eight months after he had taken the oath of office. In addition to his wife, Mrs. Frances A. Birch, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Olive Johnson and Miss Edith Birch, and two sons, Oscar and Clifton Birch.

GEORGE H. FILLIUS.

Funeral services for George H. Fillius, driver of the Fifth precinct patrol wagon, who committed suicide by taking carbolic acid Tuesday afternoon in Henry Park, were held this afternoon from the residence of the dead man's brother-in-law, Capt. Thomas H. Hollinberger, of the First precinct, who lives at 64 Massachusetts avenue northeast.

Fillius was forty-four years old, and his death is believed to have been the cause of the suicide.

Bricklayers Want Hours Shortened

A shorter working day for bricklayers was agreed upon at a special meeting of the executive committee of the Bricklayers' Union last night and the recommendation will be reported to the next bi-monthly meeting.

If this rule is adopted bricklayers will quit work at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and will work only a half day Saturdays. The committee includes W. T. Levy, president of the Union; Edward McCullen, George Elliott, James Bresnahan, John V. Meyers and William Gohard.

PARCELS PROVISION HELPS WASHINGTON

After First of Year, When New Laws Become Operative, Smaller Transportation Charges Will Be in Effect At The Postoffice.

When, on January 1, the parcels post provision of the postoffice appropriation bill becomes effective, Washington, from the smallest ultimate consumer to the largest wholesaler dealing in small packages, will find itself paying smaller transportation charges on all packages up to nine pounds in weight. Every point in the country reached by express lines at the present time.

On some of the shorter distances express rates are a little lower than the parcels post rate will be on ten-pound or eleven-pound packages. However, below the ten-pound mark the parcels post will have an undisputed field, except in those cases where the shipment is of such a nature that the owner would prefer to pay the higher rate in order to obtain the insurance against risk which common carriers must assume and to which the Government is not liable.

General is empowered under this provision to fix regulations covering insurance and indemnity and these regulations, when published, may be of a nature to meet the competition of express companies even on this point.

Acts As Stimulant.
A great stimulation of business is expected in Washington. This will probably cut both ways, as the householder here will be able, if he wishes to go to the trouble, to purchase articles from other centers which he is now practically forced to buy from home stores.

Except in rare instances, this will probably not affect the green grocer of the neighborhood, for he will be able to handle any kind of express or parcels rate may prove prohibitive.

One now pays, for instance, 20 cents a dozen for apples. However much he may kick, if he were to buy these direct from a farmer under parcels post rates, the transportation charge would amount to a large part of this sum, leaving the farmer a very small price for his apples.

Following are examples of the schedule of rates, both by parcels post and express, which will be in force between representative points at various distances from Washington.

In Fifty-Mile Zone.
The first zone under the parcels post act includes the area within a mean radial distance of fifty miles from any given center. The rate is 5 cents for the first pound and 3 cents for each additional pound. The parcels post is cheaper than existing express on all packages up to eleven pounds. An

eleven-pound package would cost 45 cents by parcels post, and the existing express rate, under classification No. 21, I. C. C., is 45 cents.

To New York.
The third zone includes points within 300 miles. This would apply to traffic between Washington and New York. The parcels post rate is 7 cents for the first pound and 5 cents for each additional pound. The parcels post rate will be cheaper on all packages up to ten pounds. The parcels post rate on a ten-pound package will be 52 cents; the express rate 50 cents. The parcels post rate on eleven pounds will be 57 cents; the express rate 55 cents.

The fourth zone includes points within 600 miles, the rate being 3 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each succeeding pound. The parcels post rate here also are lower on the smaller packages.

The fifth zone includes points within 1,000 miles, the rate being 3 cents for the first pound and 7 cents for each additional pound. This area includes Chicago. At this distance the parcels post rate affects a reduction throughout the scale, the eleven-pound rate being 79 cents as against 85 cents by express.

Omaha Is Within the seventh zone from Washington, which includes points within 1,800 miles. The parcels post rate is 11 cents for the first pound and 10 cents for each additional pound. An eleven-pound package would cost \$1.11 by parcels post and \$1.10, or a cent less, by express. On packages less than eleven pounds in weight the parcels post rate is lower than the express rate.

The eighth zone embraces all points beyond 1,800 miles, and the rate is 12 cents per pound, without a reduction for the additional weight above one pound. The parcels post rate is uniformly lower at great distances, the express rates being very high on the extreme long distances.

Cheaper By Express.
The proposed reductions in express rates, which will be heard before the Interstate Commerce Commission on October 9, will, if put into effect, force a number of instances wherein packages of ten or eleven pounds in weight can be shipped more cheaply by express than by parcels post. However, on the smaller packages the parcels post will have command of the field.

Owing to the large number of accounting charges which the express company must figure against each package in making up its cost of transportation the minimum charge is much higher than the minimum charge under parcels post. Express companies, for instance, charge as much to carry a one-pound package from Washington to Baltimore as to points as far distant as the Mississippi river.

Under the proposed rates, a package of ten pounds on one pound up to this extreme distance is 10 cents, while to Baltimore such a package will be carried for 6 cents.

Under the proposed rates, as outlined by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the minimum charge will express companies will be as low as the parcels post minimum.

There is no doubt that on small packages, including dress patterns, small hardware articles, boxes of cigars, light clothing and other articles, the parcels post will effect a reduction not only beneficial to Washington merchants who cultivate out-of-town trade but also to those who purchase small packages from other cities.

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LARGE APARTMENT ON MT. PLEASANT CHANGES HANDS

The Wellington Purchased By Out-of-Town Investors for \$200,000.

The Wellington, one of Mt. Pleasant's largest apartment houses, was sold today for \$200,000. The buyers are two business men of Buffalo and Toronto, Major Isaac H. Radford, of Buffalo, and Kenneth McWheney, of the Canadian metropolis. The property was sold for James D. Hobbs and Harry Wardman. The latter built the apartment three years ago.

The apartment house is located at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant and Seventh street and Park road. It is a four-story building containing forty-eight apartments of three and four rooms each, and has a total annual rental of \$18,300. The property is assessed at \$114,660.

The negotiations for the sale were conducted by C. L. Selectman, of Stone & Fairfax, for the former owners, and by Elijah H. Jones, of the out-of-town will shortly be made, it is said.

Building Changes Hands.
The Southern Building is today in control of the interests who yesterday secured a majority of the stock of the company. A change in the management of the building is contemplated. Announcement of this change and the names of the syndicate of business men for whom the control was purchased by R. N. Harper and Charles F. Carus will shortly be made, it is said.

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COL. JUDSON URGES AN ASPHALT PLANT FOR THE DISTRICT

Favors Project as Result of Visit to Municipal Plants Elsewhere.

Following an inspection of asphalt plants in other cities, Colonel Judson, Engineer Commissioner, returned to Washington today convinced of the desirability of the establishment of a similar institution in the District.

The cities visited by Colonel Judson were Cleveland, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City, and Denver.

"In all respects it is not found that other cities are getting the happiest results from their municipal operations, and if I thought that in Washington we could not do better than the average municipality is doing today, I might hesitate to believe that we should undertake the direct operation of any municipal function," said Colonel Judson today.

"However, I have no reason to believe that those cities which operate municipal asphalt plants inefficiently would, under the contract system, secure perfect results. In two of the cities I visited this summer, asphalt plants have been returned against a large number of city officials."

"We would not expect such a person to secure the best results in any city, whatever its methods of work. I was sorry to learn that it was not infrequent practice to place upon the rolls of the asphalt plants a large number of supernumerary employees just before election time. Nevertheless, it was noticeable in some places that excellent work was performed, sometimes under difficulties, and there were always a few capable opportunities for good results if certain abuses were corrected. On

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GEORGETOWN OPENS WITH BIG CLASSES

With an enrollment of seventy-four in the freshman class of the academic department, Georgetown University began its one hundredth and twenty-fifth season today. The matriculation is much larger than last year, and thirty applicants had to be turned away because in the academic department of the university boarding quarters had been filled, and students who do not live in the college or with their parents in this city are not received.

The law school of the university will have a much larger enrollment this year than last, according to applications already made, and the medical college promises an equal growth. The freshman class of the academic department contained eighteen fewer pupils